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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _16 January 2004_.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-56_ is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _1-56_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on _16 January 2004_ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _See Continuation Sheet_.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____ .

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1.　　The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2.　　Claims 1, 7, 11-14 and 55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.　Claim 1, it is not clear what "tracking" mean. Claim 7, it is not clear what "extranet" mean. And Claims 11-14 and 55, it is not clear what "a second resource" mean.

　　Examiner treats extranet as internet for examination purpose.

　　Examiner treats a second resource as resource for examination purpose.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.　　The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2.   Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ginter

et al., Pub. No.: US 2002/0112171 A1 (hereinafter Ginter).

        Referring to claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 17-19, 22, 24, 26, 27, 32-34, 36, 39, and 42,

Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access comprising:

        identifying an available network resource, the network resource coupled to a

network **[page 30, paragraph 378 and fig. 1;** an information utility 200 corresponding

to network connects to people/users which corresponds to an available network

resource];

        providing an access token to the available network resource **[page 4, paragraph**

68, lines 10-13 and page 20, paragraph 217, lines 1-16; VDE installation includes

payment token which corresponding to an access token used as control information],

the access token operable to allow an application of the available network resource to

access a portion of the network **[page 2, paragraph 16]**;

        tracking the status of the access token **[page 4, paragraph 61-65 and page 5,**

paragraph 92, lines 1-5; tracking corresponding to controlling]; and terminating the

access token **[page 151, paragraph 2058, lines 14-24]**.

        Referring to claims 2, 35 and 51, Ginter teaches a system and a method for

providing network access, wherein the at least one available network resource

comprises a terminal coupled to the network, the terminal comprising a processor

having available processing capability **[page 35, paragraph 471]**.

Referring to claim 3, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource is a server **[page 10, paragraph 158, lines 15-22]**.

Referring to claims 4, 13, 16, 29, 31, 50 and 53, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a server, the server coupled to a sub-group, the sub-group coupled to a super-group via a sub-network, the super- group coupled to the resource communication module via the network **[page 155, paragraph 2106]**.

Referring to claims 5, 12, 15, 28, 30, 49 and 52, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource comprises a server, the server coupled to a super-group, the super-group coupled to the resource communication module via the network **[page 30, paragraph 378 and fig. 1; people/users inherently have servers to accomplish the communication]**.

Referring to claims 6, 7 and 8, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the network is an intranet **[page 14, paragraph 192, lines 37-44 and page 91, paragraph 1295, lines 1-8]**.

Referring to claim 9, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein providing the access token to the resource comprises providing a user

identification and password to the internet protocol address of the resource **[page 107, paragraph 1465, lines 8-12]**.

Referring to claim 20, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the application using the access token **[page 5, paragraph 78, lines 1-5]**.

Referring to claims 21 and 45, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the status of the access token comprises the internet protocol address of the available network resource to which the access token was provided **[page 161, paragraph 2172, lines 21-28]**.

Referring to claim 23, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, further comprising updating the status of the access token after the access token is terminated **[page 148, paragraph 2012-2013 and page 151, paragraph 2058, lines 14-24]**.

Referring to claims 25, 54 and 55, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the available network resource further comprises a network resource used simultaneously by a user, the user having an access level unrelated to the access token **[page 44, paragraph 629, lines 7-11]**.

Referring to claims 37 and 38, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the access token is operable to expire in a pre-determined length of time **[page 93, paragraph 1305, lines 12-19 and paragraph 1570]**.

Referring to claim 40, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the task comprises a file search on the portion of the network **[page 13, paragraph 174, lines 57-65]**.

Referring to claims 41, 43 and 56, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, further comprising a database, the database operable to store the status of the access token and the resource **[page 4, paragraph 61-65 and page 5, paragraph 92, lines 1-5]**.

Referring to claims 44 and 46, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to receive notification from the resource that the resource has available processing capability **[page 46, paragraph 658]**.

Referring to claim 47, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing network access, wherein the resource communication module is further operable to transmit a task to the resource, wherein the task is specific to a first application resident

in the resource, the task capable of performance by the available processing capability

[page 43, paragraph 619].

Referring to claim 48, Ginter teaches a system and a method for providing

network access, wherein the resource is concurrently engaged by a user, the user

accessing a second application, the second application accessing processing capability

separate from the available processing capability **[page 32, paragraph 417]**.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Yonas Bayou whose telephone number is 571-272-

7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for

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